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Applicant(s): Matthew Baker et al. )  
Application No. 10/561,097 )  
Filed: December 16, 2005 ) Group Art Unit: 1647  
For: THROMBOPOIETIN PROTEINS )  
WITH IMPROVED PROPERTIES )  
Examiner: Lorraine Spector, Ph.D. ) Attorney Docket No. MER-141

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) AND §1.17

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Sir:

A one-month extension in the time for response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2008, i.e., to and including May 27, 2008, is respectfully requested.

There is submitted herewith the following:


AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT (5 pp.)

Please charge the required fee of \$120.00 for a one-month extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

Kindly charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment concerning this matter to our Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

Respectfully submitted,

May 8, 2008

  
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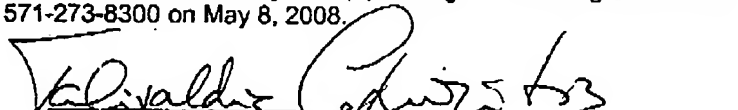
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I hereby certify that this PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) AND §1.17 is being transmitted by facsimile transmission to Fax No. 571-273-8300 on May 8, 2008.

  
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